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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/796,818	Applicant(s) DEES ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 February 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-10 and 13-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-10 and 13-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 02/25/2008. No new claims have been added. Claims 2-4 and 11 have been canceled.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Applicant's arguments filed 09/21/2007 have been fully considered. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous Office Actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objections are either reiterated or newly applied. They constitute the complete set of rejections and/or objections presently being applied to the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 5-10 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Scholz (U.S. Patent 5,908,619) in view of McLeod et al. (Intern. J. Parasitology).

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Scholz teaches a hydroalcoholic composition comprised of a lower alcohol, i.e., ethanol, isopropanol, n-propanol (Abstract, column 4, lines 56-64). The composition is further comprised of secondary antimicrobials, such as triclosan (column 17, lines 29-35, 41-43). The compositions are useful as lotions; lotions are defined as liquid or cream, free of propellant (column 1, lines 6-8, column 4, line 5). The composition can be formulated into aerosols (column 18, lines 15-17). The composition can be incorporated into a polymeric material such as a hydrogel layer (column 19, lines 58-61). In order to reduce irritation, and yet maintain efficacy, the secondary antimicrobial level should be adjusted to the minimum level which maintains a low bacteriological count (column 17, lines 45-49). The compositions have an alcohol to water ratio of no greater than 99:1 by weight. Compositions having a ratio within the range of about 40:60 to 95:5 (i.e. 40-95% weight percent alcohol) ensure an efficacious immediate bacterial kill (column 5, lines 9-16).

Scholz does not teach that the composition is comprised of the weight ratios of triclosan of instant claims 1 or 9.

McLeod et al. teaches that triclosan, which is found in many house-hold formulations, including soaps and hand lotions, inhibited growth and survival of apicomplexan parasites at low (i.e. IC₅₀ = 15-2000 and 62 ng/ml) concentrations (Abstract, page 111, 1st column, 2nd paragraph, Table 1, Figure 2).

McLeod et al. does not teach a composition comprised of ethanol, isopropanol, or n-propanol.

It is prima facie obvious to select a known material based on its suitability for its intended purpose. (See MPEP 2144.07). Therefore, at the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the compositions of Scholz to include triclosan at the concentrations of McLeod et al. motivated by the desire to inhibit the growth of apicomplexan parasites.

No claims are allowed.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Darryl C. Sutton whose telephone number is (571)270-3286. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th from 7:30AM to 5:00PM EST or on Fr from 7:30AM to 4:00PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick Krass, can be reached at (571)272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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